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PRESIDENT: Thank you. Before we begin the business of the afternoon, the chair would like to call to your attention that Senator Epke has a special assistant over here with him this afternoon. In case you are wondering who the attractive young lady is, that is his daughter Gretchen and thank you, Gretchen. We are delighted to have you here. If you stay close there and keep an eye on your father, that will help us all. Also, Senator Keyes, you know, we have a problem in that I see we have another 100 Eighth Graders from Papillion Junior High and as near as I can tell, there can't be anybody left in Papillion. You have had them all down here today, so help me. We are delighted today to welcome in the, I think they must be in the north balcony, although my indication is...are the Eighth Graders from Papillion in the north balcony over here. Raise your hands if you are. Thank you. Well, that's good. The press is having a little trouble over here, too. We are delighted to have you today as visitors to the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature. I see that their instructors are Mr. Len Hoff and Mrs. Royal, and Mr. Classen, and, of course, they are from Senator Keyes district. We are awfully glad to have you here today as observers to the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature. Senator Keyes, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR KEYES: Just to say that you wouldn't believe if I told you that there were just 400 of the Eighth Graders down here today.

PRESIDENT: 400 of them today. Wow! That's got to be a record, too, I believe. What kind of business do we have on the desk for the afternoon, now?

CLERK: Mr. President, we have a request by Senator Fowler to be excused at 3:15 today.

PRESIDENT: Are there any objections? Hearing none. So ordered.

CLERK: We have a Committee on Committees...oh, a Reference Committee report--read. We have a Judiciary Notice of Committee Hearings. We have a Resolution.

PRESIDENT: Read the Resolution.

CLERK: Resolution #28. Read.

PRESIDENT: So ordered. Do we have any other business on the desk?

CLERK: Mr. President, I move to return to Committee LB 523 and LB 548. Signed, Senator Snyder.

PRESIDENT: 23 and 548.

CLERK: Yes.

PRESIDENT: The chair recognizes Senator Snyder.

SENATOR SNYDER: Mr. President and members of the body, Mr. Clerk, those weren't on the list this morning?

CLERK: They were on and they got removed because they were placed on General File by suspension of the Rules not by Reference Committee action.

SENATOR SNYDER: Oh, I see. All right. Mr. President, very briefly, I would make the motion that these two bills be sent back in order to have a public hearing. I hate to do this but I think it is only fair, I think it is only right and I think that more of us should be insistent that it be